Central Universities in Assam

4332. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State:

(a) the details of Central universities functioning at present in Assam;

(b) whether there is a proposal to set up any Central University or Open University in the North Cachar Hills district of Assam during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) At present there are two Central Universities functioning in Assam. The names and location of these Universities are indicated below :

(i) Assam University—Silchar

(ii) Tezpur University—Tezpur

(b) to (d) There is no proposal to set up a Central University in the North Cachar Hills District of Assam. The overall policy in so far as Central Universities are concerned is to go in for consolidation of and expansion of facilities in existing Universities rather than setting up of more Universities, save where past commitments are involved such as have been done recently in the case of Mizoram University.

Publication of a **Discussion Documents by NCERT**

4333. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether NCERT has published a document entitled "National Curriculum Framwork for School Education. A Discussion Document" for discussion at the Seminar of Officials and Educators held recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of suggestions made by various participants in the Seminar ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) NCERT has initiated a process of renewal of the National Curriculum

Framework as a follow-up of the Programme of Action, 1992 under the National Policy on Eduation (NPE) 1986, and advice given under the 9th Plan. The NCERT has recently prepared a "Discussion Document" on the "National Curriculum Framework for School Eduation" and released it in January, 2000 for public debates.

This document is being discussed and debated at National and State levels. A list of Seminars and Consultation Meetings to discuss National Curriculum Framework for School Education held by NCERT is given in the annexed Statement *(See* below). After receving feedback on the"Discussion Document" NCERT will release the Curriculum Framework as a model to all States.

STATEMENT

List of the Seminars and Consultation Meetings to Discuss National Curriculum Framework for School Education Organised by NCERT

1	2	3
Regional Seminar for Southern Region	RIE, Mysore	February 4-5, 2000
Regional Seminar for Eastern Region	SCERT, Calcutta	February 11-12, 2000
Regional Seminar for Western Region	SCERT, Pune	February, 21-22, 2000
Seminar for Boards of Secondary Education by COBSE	NCERT, New Delhi	February, 24-25, 2000
Seminar to be Organised by RIE, Ajmer	OITS, Jaipur	February 29 March 1, 2000
Seminar to be organised by PSSCIVE, Bhopal	Indian Institute of Health and Family Welfare Hyderabad	March 7-8, 2000
Seminar to be organised for North Eastern Region	Meghalaya Main Secretariat Building Shillong	March 15-16, 2000
All India Primary Teachers' Federation	Lucknow	March 23-25, 2000

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Seminar to be organised by Society for the perpetuation of Art Culture and Education	Dav Senior Secondary Public School Sector 6, Bahadurgarh	April 1-2, 2000
National Academy of Sciences	Allahabad	Either on March 27 28 or April 5-6, 2000
Gandhi Shanti Pratisthan 221/223 Deendayal Upadhyay Marg, New Delhi (For Gandhien Scholars/ Social Thinkers/Educationists)	Gandhi Peace Foundation Auditorium	April 8-9, 2000
Seminar for National Level bodies such as CBSE, CISCE, NOS, KVS, NVS, NIEPA, IGNOU etc.	NCERT, New Delhi	April 13-14,2000
Gandhi Shanti Pratisthan 221/223 Deendyal Upadhyay Marg, New Delhi (for Grasroot Nai Talim Institutions/teachers)	Gandhi Peace Foundation Auditorium	April 4-15, 2000

Task Force to Review Schemes for Women and Children

4334. SHRI YADLAPATl VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Task Force has been constitued to review Government Scheme being run by different Ministries for the benefit of women and children;

(b) if so, the recommendations of the review committee; and

(c) the effective steps proposed for implementing women component plans and utilise the money earmarked for women ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMTTRA MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.